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The Federal Communications Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to write this letter in support of the merger of AT&T and DirecTV.

It is my understanding that the merged entity has committed to bring high speed Internet access to 31,000 customer locations across the state, many in predominantly rural areas. I am passionate about the economic development of Nevada and believe that broadband is an important key to our future. Manufacturing and data centers rely on these networks, allowing greater connections between Nevadans across the vast distances here, including services for education, healthcare, agriculture, and government as well as greater opportunities for business.

Additionally, the merger will bring new competition to areas that have previously been served by only one broadband provider, sometimes none at all. Increased competition means more choices for consumers, better availability of services, and competitive prices for those bundled services a combined AT&T and DirecTV entity would provide.

This merger will help Nevada fully participate in the broadband revolution, furthering our economic development in all regions of the state and bring Nevadans closer together. I urge the Commission to approve the merger quickly so that Nevadans can begin reaping its benefits.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Sandoval".

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor